

**RECORD OF ACTION
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 12, 2015**

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Ipswich met in the Ipswich High School/Middle School Performing Arts Center in said Town of Ipswich on, Tuesday, May 12, 2015. A quorum being present (685 -200 required), was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Thomas R. Murphy, at 7:10 P.M.

A jazz combo played prior to the start of the meeting. Students playing were Seth Persson, Chris Grady, Erich Duback, Matt Naeger, Henry Gorrell and Julia Sabbagh.

The counters for the evening, in the auditorium, were Diane Young, Edward B. Rauscher, Michael Johnson, Nathaniel Pulsifer, Mark Avenmarg and William Nelson. The Moderator in the cafeteria was Craig Saline. Kay Evans and Mark Allman were counters in the cafeteria.

Non registered persons were given permission to attend the meeting as spectators and were seated at the back left facing the stage.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Moderator.

State Representative Bradford Hill spoke on infrastructure money, gave a local aid update, and an update on Home Rule Petitions which were passed by previous Town Meetings.

ARTICLE 1

Consent Calendar

A MOTION was made by William Craft, and duly seconded, to

- (1) To fix the annual salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers as follows: Town Moderator: \$250.00; Board of Selectmen: member \$750.00; Chairperson \$1,000.00; School Committee: member \$200.00;
- (2) To transfer the sum of \$325,000 as a payment-in-lieu of taxes from the Electric Light Department;
- (3) To hear reports from the Commuter Rail Committee, the Hall-Haskell Committee, and the Open Space & Recreation Committee, and to continue these as standing committees of Town Meeting;
- (4) To authorize the Board of Selectmen to temporarily appoint a member of said Board as Acting Town Manager for a limited period of time not to exceed the date of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for purposes of vacation, leave, or absence in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Sections 20 and 21A;
- (5) To authorize and/or re-authorize for FY'2016 the following revolving funds established under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½:
 - a. a Department of Public Safety revolving fund, the use of said fund to pay for the operation and maintenance of the Town Wharf, and to determine that no more than \$10,000 may be expended by the Department of Public Safety in FY 2014

from such funds transferred into said fund during FY'2016. (Source of funds: Launching Fees);

- b. a Department of Public Works revolving fund, the use of said fund to finance approved beautification projects and related expenses, and to determine that no more than \$5,000 may be expended by the Department of Public Works in FY 2016 from such funds transferred into said fund during FY'2016. (Source of funds: Sale of wood from the grand elm tree);
- c. a Health Department Public Health revolving fund, to be funded through reimbursements from Medicare Part B, Medicare Senior Advantage Plans and other insurance plans for the administration of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to be used to finance part-time wages and pay related expenditures such as the cost of vaccine, medical supplies, and other administrative costs, and to determine that no more than \$5,000 may be expended by the Public Health Department from monies transferred into said fund during FY'2016. (Source of funds: Medicare Part B, Medicare Senior Advantage Plans and other insurance plans);
- d. a Council on Aging revolving fund, the use of said fund to pay for special activities, expendable supplies and/or part-time wages, and to determine that no more than \$100,000 may be expended by the Council on Aging from monies transferred into said fund during FY'2016 (Source of funds: fees contributed by seniors participating in special activities);
- e. a Historical Commission revolving fund, the use of said fund to pay for preservation of Town records and to purchase expendable supplies, and to determine that no more than \$5,000 may be expended by the Historical Commission from monies transferred into said fund during FY 2016 (Source of funds: sale of publications);
- f. a Health Department revolving fund, the use of said fund to finance additional part-time help in the Health Department and to pay related expenses, and to determine that no more than \$7,000 may be expended by the Health Department in FY'2016 from such funds transferred into said fund during FY 2016 (Source of funds: Housing Code inspection fees);
- g. a Facilities Department revolving fund to pay for custodial services and other expenses associated with the use of the gymnasium and other Town Hall facilities by outside organizations or for special events sponsored by municipal departments; and to determine that no more than \$20,000 may be expended from the Facilities Department revolving fund from monies transferred into said fund during FY'2016 (Source of funds: user fees); and
- h. a Shellfish Department revolving fund, said funds to be used for enhancements to the shellfish resources of the Town, and to determine that no more than \$15,000 may be expended by the Shellfish Commissioners from monies transferred into said fund during any given fiscal year (Source of funds: surcharge on commercial shellfish licenses).

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2

Finance Committee Election

A MOTION was made by Janice Clements-Skelton, and duly seconded, to
Appoint Robert White to the Ipswich Finance Committee for a period of three years.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3

FY'2015 School Budget Amendments

A MOTION was made by Barry Hopping, and duly seconded, to
Appropriate to the FY '15 school budget \$41,188.83 from insurance claim reimbursements.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4

FY'2015 Municipal Budget Amendments

A MOTION was made by Charles Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Indefinitely postpone this article

(To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's action taken under Article 8 of the May 13, 2014 Annual Town Meeting (FY'2015 Municipal Operating Budget) by transferring sums between departments or from available funds; or to take any other action relative thereto.)

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5

Prior Year Unpaid Bills

A MOTION was made by Nishan Mootafian, and duly seconded, to

Indefinitely postpone this article

(To see if the Town will vote to pay, or transfer a sum of money from available funds, to pay unpaid bills incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid; or to take any other action relative thereto.)

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6

FY'2015 Chapter 90 Amendments

A MOTION was made by Judy Field, and duly seconded, to

Amend action taken under Article 7 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting (Chapter 90) by increasing the amount from \$444,004 to \$666,006, which is the sum actually released to the Town under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 90.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7

Chapter 90

A MOTION was made by Judy Field, and duly seconded, to

Appropriate the sum of \$444,066 from the state for highway improvements under the authority M.G.L. Chapter 90, or any such applicable laws, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, if necessary, to apply for, accept and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8

FY 2016 Municipal Budget

A MOTION was made by William Craft, and duly seconded, to

Appropriate the sum of \$21,793,598 for the FY '16 municipal budget to be expended as follows:

General Government	\$ 1,513,086
Planning & Community Development	\$ 539,407
Public Safety	\$ 4,786,322
Public Works	\$ 3,830,577
Community & Cultural Services	\$ 1,335,409
Benefits & Other	\$ 4,491,416
For a General Fund Total of \$16,496,217: and	

Water Department	\$ 3,196,274
Wastewater Department	\$ 2,101,107

And that the following sums be raised and appropriated or transferred to fund the FY'2016 budget:

Septic Loan Program	\$ 17,865
Tourism Account	\$ 2,000
Debt Premium	\$ 3,259
Overlay Surplus	\$ 75,000
Waterway Improvements Fund	\$ 79,354
Raise & Appropriate	\$ 16,318,739
Water Receipts	\$ 3,092,348

Water Reserves	\$ 103,926
Wastewater Receipts	\$ 1,875,259
Wastewater Reserves	\$ 225,848

and to authorize the town to enter into lease-purchase contracts for equipment having a term of five years or less.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9

FY'2016 School Budget

A MOTION was made by Hugh O'Flynn, and duly seconded, to

Transfer the sum of \$75,000 from the Overlay Surplus account and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,545,582 for a total of \$26,620,582 to fund the FY '16 School Budget as set forth in Article 9 of the Warrant as follows: to hear and act upon the reports of the School Committee and Finance Committee relative to the Fiscal Year 2016 School Department budget and to raise, appropriate, transfer money from available funds, and change the purpose of the unexpended balances of prior appropriations all to be used for the ensuing year's operations and debt service, including entering into lease-purchase agreements having a term of five years or less for a school bus and/or for other purposes; and to act upon a request to reauthorize existing revolving funds pursuant to State law.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10

School Override

A MOTION was made by Carl Nylen, and duly seconded, to

Raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900,000 for the FY '16 School Budget, provided that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of a proposition 2 ½ referendum question pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 59, § 21C.

A MOTION was made by Ralph Williams to:

Move the question.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION REGARDING THE MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: CARRIED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION REGARDING THE MAIN MOTION: DECLARED CARRIED

ARTICLE 11

FY 2016 Whittier Regional High School Budget

A MOTION was made by Sean Gresh, and duly seconded, to

Raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$556,348, to cover the Town's share of the ensuing year's annual operating and debt service expenses of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12

FY 2016 Essex County Technical Institute Budget

A MOTION was made by Charles Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Raise and appropriate form available funds the sum of \$325,000, to cover the Town's share of the ensuing year's annual operating and debt service expenses of the Essex County Technical Institute.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13

Annual Capital Plan

A MOTION was made by Nishan Mootafian, and duly seconded, to

Transfer, to fund the capital budget, from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$673,748, and, from free cash the sum of \$49,000, for the following purposes, and that any remaining funds be returned to the Capital Stabilization Fund:

Facilities:

Computer Equipment	\$20,800
Network Equipment	\$43,000
Project Reserve	\$ 2,000
Payne – Air Conditioning	\$15,000
Doyon – Replace Boiler 1 of 2	\$37,500
Winthrop – Split A/C	\$16,000
Middle/High Schools –	
Repair/Replace Indoor Track,	
Gym, Cafeteria Floors	\$90,000
HVAC System	\$65,000
PAC Carpet and Floors	\$35,000
Town Hall –	
Carpet Replacement Program	\$15,500
Replace large HVAC Units	\$80,000
Library – Replace Carpet Year 3 of 3	\$20,000

Equipment:

DPW- Loader Year 2 of 5	\$34,605
DPW – Dump Truck with Plow Year 2 of 5	\$35,843
DPW – Dump Truck Year 1 of 5	\$28,000
Fire – Replace Hurst “Jaws of Life”	\$35,000
Fire – Set aside for pumper replacement	\$40,000
Fire – Set aside for SCBA replacement	\$25,000
Shellfish Truck	\$27,000
Emergency Management- Message Board	\$17,000

Economic Development:

Wayfinding Signs Year 1 of 3	\$40,500
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MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 14

Town Hall Exterior Painting

A MOTION was made by Charles Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$47,000 for exterior painting and related repairs to the Town Hall.

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15

OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits)

A MOTION was made by Nishan Mootafian, and duly seconded, to

Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000, to the special Other Post-Employment Benefits account (OPEB) as established under M.G.L., Chapter 32B, §20.

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16

APD Bylaw Enforcement Provision

A MOTION was made by William Craft, and duly seconded, to

Amend “Chapter XXII. ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT” of the General Bylaws of the Town of Ipswich as follows:

(bold italics = proposed new language; strikethrough = language to be deleted)

Amend Section 2: Definitions by amending the definitions of “ADDITION, SUBSTANTIAL” AND “SUBSTITUTE SIDING” as follows:

“ADDITION, SUBSTANTIAL: Any addition to a principal or accessory contributing building that *is enclosed by walls and a roof and which* increases the existing gross floor area by 1,000 square feet or by thirty percent (30%) or more, whichever is less...”

“SUBSTITUTE SIDING: A siding material that has been placed over or has replaced the ~~original~~ wood siding of a building...”

(1) Amend Section 8: Alterations Which Require APDC Review, paragraph (c) as follows:

(c) New construction of buildings on properties within the APD, including substantial additions ~~fully enclosed by walls and a roof~~, but not including *the construction of* accessory buildings that are less than 250 square feet in area.;

(2) Add the following language to “Section 11: Enforcement”:

“In addition to the duties previously set forth in this Bylaw, the APDC or the Building Inspector may issue enforcement orders directing compliance with this Bylaw and may undertake any other administrative enforcement action authorized by law. Upon request of the APDC, and with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Counsel may take legal action on behalf of the Town for enforcement of this Bylaw, or any order issued hereunder, in any court of competent jurisdiction.”; and

(3) Amend Section 13: Appeal Procedure as follows:

~~Any Person Aggrieved by a determination of the APDC may appeal to the Superior Court within twenty (20) days of the filing of the disapproval with the Town Clerk~~ *Any aggrieved party may appeal the action of the APDC. Appeals may be taken as provided by MGL Chapter 249, Section 4 as may be amended.*

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17 and ARTICLE 18

Chapter XIV: Occupational Licenses – Section 4. Fortunetelling for Money and; Chapter XV: Miscellaneous Provisions for Public Order and Safety-Section 18: Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks

A MOTION was made by Judy Field, for both ARTICLE 17 and ARTICLE 18, and duly seconded, to

Amend the general bylaws as follows:

Chapter XIV: Occupational Licenses - Section 4. Fortunetelling for Money (Article 17)

By add the following Section to Chapter XIV: Occupational Licenses:

Section 4: Fortunetelling for Money

- A. The purpose of this By-law is to regulate fortunetelling and similar business so that the Town can efficiently and thoroughly investigate fraud and deception, and protect the public by preventing people who have been charged with deceptive practices from having easy access to persons who may be vulnerable to fraud or confidence games.
- B. Fortunetelling shall mean the telling of fortunes, forecasting of futures, or reading the past, by means of any occult, psychic power, faculty, force, clairvoyance, cartomancy, psychometry, phrenology, spirits, tea leaves, tarot cards, scrying, coins, sticks, dice, sand, coffee grounds, crystal gazing or other such reading, or through mediumship, seership, prophecy, augury, astrology, palmistry, necromancy, mindreading, telepathy, or other craft, art, science, talisman, charm, potion, magnetism, magnetized article or substance, or by any such similar thing or act.
- C. The Board of Selectmen may issue a license to a person to tell fortunes for money under the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 140, section 185I. Any person applying to tell fortunes for money shall file a written application for a Fortune Teller license with the Town Clerk, on a form issued by the Police Department, signed under the penalties of perjury, containing the following information:
 - a. The name of the applicant.
 - b. Physical address of the applicant (PO Box shall not be acceptable)..
 - c. The applicant's height, weight, eye & hair color.
 - d. The applicant's Social Security number or Federal Identification number.
 - e. The full name under which the business will be conducted.
 - f. The present or proposed address where the business will be conducted.
 - g. The length of time for which the right to do business is desired (business hours).
 - h. A brief description of the nature of the business and the services to be provided.
 - i. The applicant shall be photographed and fingerprinted by the Police Department for the purpose of completing a criminal background check and producing photo identification. The fingerprinting shall be in compliance of Chapter XV, Section 18 of these of the General By-laws.
- D. Fees for the issuance of such license shall be in accordance with a scheduled fee, to be established from time to time by order of the Board of Selectmen.

Amend Chapter XV: Miscellaneous Provisions for Public Order and Safety – Section 18: Fingerprint-Based Criminal Record Background Checks by adding the following occupational license:

- Fortune Teller

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES BY A MAJORITY

ARTICLE 19

Chapter XV: Miscellaneous Provisions for Public Order and Safety – Section 19: Carrying certain weapons or weapon-like objects.

A MOTION was made by Charles Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Add the following Section to Chapter XV: Miscellaneous Provisions for Public Order and Safety – Section 19: Carrying certain weapons or weapon-like objects.

- a) No person, except as provided by law, shall carry on his/her person or carry on his/her person or under his/her control while in a vehicle, including those weapons and instruments mentioned in Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 269, section 10 (b) and section 12, any sabre, sword, or weapon of like or similar nature; any knife having any type of blade in excess of 3 inches, except when actually engaged in hunting, fishing, shellfishing or other sporting activity or going to and/or returning from such activities or in any employment which activity requires the use of any type of knife; or other object or tool so redesigned, fashioned, prepared or treated that such may be used to inflict bodily harm or injury to another.
- b) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to arrest and a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each offense.

A MOTION TO AMEND was made by Ralph Williams, and duly seconded, to

Strike the word “carry” and replace it with “brandish”.

A MOTION was made by Charles Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Refer this article to a committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and to refer it to a future meeting.

The Moderator declared that a referral to a committee “trumps” an amendment, therefore, no vote was taken on Mr. Williams’ motion to amend.

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION ON MR. SURPITSKI’S MOTION: DECLARED PASSES BY A MAJORITY

ARTICLE 20

Chapter XIV: Occupational Licenses – Section 3 Solicitors & Canvassers

A MOTION was made by Nishan Mootafian, and duly seconded, to

Amend Chapter XIV: Occupational Licenses – Section 3 Solicitors & Canvassers by deleting sub-section (C) (h) and inserting the following new subsection (C) (h):

- (h) The applicant shall be photographed and fingerprinted by the Police Department for the purpose of completing a criminal background check and producing photo

identification. The fingerprinting shall be in compliance of Chapter XV, Section 18 of these of the General By-laws.

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21 Chapter XII – Section 12 Removal of Snow & Ice on Sidewalks

A MOTION was made by Judy Field, and duly seconded, to

Amend Chapter XII: Use of Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places, by adding a new Section 12. “Removal of Snow and Ice on Sidewalks”, as follows:

- (a) **Obligation:** The owner, occupant, tenant or agent in charge of any land or building abutting a paved (whether with brick, stone, cement, asphalt or other impervious material) sidewalk within the right-of-way of a street in the Town of Ipswich shall be responsible for the removal of snow, slush and ice from abutting sidewalks and access points to sidewalks no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day following the cessation of the weather event. Sidewalks and access points shall be cleared to a width of at least forty-two (42) inches or, if the sidewalk or access point is narrower, the width of the sidewalk or access point.

The obligation set forth in this Section shall be extended for those who are temporarily absent for vacations, holidays, hospitalization and other unexpected absences; provided, however, that they shall be required to satisfy their obligation no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day following the end of their temporary absence. Temporary absences shall be limited to no more than five (5) calendar days.

- (b) **Enforcement:** The Chief of Police or Department of Public Works Director, or their designee(s), shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Section, pursuant to Section XVII. Noncriminal Disposition of Certain Violations, Section 4, Subsection C of the General Bylaws.
- (c) **Exemptions:** Homeowners who have an approved Clause C1 37A (Blind), C1 41A, C1 41D, C1 17E (Elderly), or C1 22 (Veteran Disability Exemption) from the Ipswich Board of Assessors as of October 1 each year shall be exempted from the requirements of this bylaw.
- (d) **Rules and Regulations:** The Board of Selectmen may promulgate or amend Rules and Regulations which pertain to the administration of this Section. The adoption or amendment of Rules and Regulations shall be after a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed or amended Rules and Regulations. The public hearing shall be advertised once in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least 14 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

And further to amend Chapter XVII, Section 4, Subsection C by adding: Removal of Snow and Ice on Sidewalks (Police Department): \$50.

MODERATOR’S DECLARATION: DECLARED FAILED BY A MAJORITY

ARTICLE 22

Additional Liquor License

A MOTION was made by William Craft, and duly seconded, to

Authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make only clerical or editorial changes to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

An act authorizing the Town of Ipswich to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises.

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Ipswich may issue 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to the establishment known as Mamma Luisa Cucina and Bar, located at 14 Central street, in the town of Ipswich, and 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to the establishment known as Cellar Door Ipswich, located at 2 South Main street, in the town of Ipswich. These licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to any other location, but it may grant such license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

If a license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

MODERATOR'S DECLARATION: DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23

Green Crab Eradication

A MOTION was made by Charles D. Surpitski, and duly seconded, to

Transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for green crab control efforts.

Moderator's Declaration: Declared Passes Unanimously

ARTICLE 24

Repairs to School Dept. Administrative Office Building (Payne School)

A MOTION was made by Ferusa Krason, and duly seconded, to

Transfer from free cash the sum of \$35,000 for exterior roof and siding repairs, window replacement and upgrade of electrical service at the School Department Administration Office Building.

Moderator's Declaration: Declared Passes Unanimously

ARTICLE 25

Replacement of Shades and Blinds at Doyon School

A MOTION was made by Sarah Player, and duly seconded, to

Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to replace window shades and blinds at the Doyon School or take any action relative thereto.

Moderator's Declaration: Declared Passes Unanimously

A MOTION was made at 10:58 PM by William Craft, and duly seconded, to continue the meeting until all the Articles are voted upon.

Moderator's Declaration: Declared Passes

ARTICLE 26

Prevent Solar Glare from Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Installations

A MOTION was made by Phillip N. Goss, for both ARTICLE 26 AND ARTICLE 27, and duly seconded, to

Amend the Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaw, Use Regulations Section V. D. Footnotes to Use Regulations, Footnote 36 by striking "rated over 10 kilowatts (kw)" to read: "Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (GSI) are subject to the regulations in Section IX. Q. of this bylaw," and to amend Section IX. Special Regulations. Q. Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (GSI) as follows:

In subsection 2. Applicability. Strike "rated over 10 kilowatts (kw)" where it appears twice to read "This bylaw applies to all new GSI, as well as to physical modifications to GSI that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment".

Insert a new subsection 3: "General Requirements for all GSI and their appurtenances on properties where residential uses are permitted (Residential GSI):

- a. Residential GSI shall be sited such that reflected solar glare shall not be directed onto abutting or neighboring properties.

b. Residential GSI and their appurtenances shall be no higher than eight (8) feet above grade”.

Renumber the successive subsections accordingly.

A MOTION was made by Ross York, for both ARTICLE 26 and ARTICLE 27, and duly seconded, to

Refer the MOTIONS to the Planning Board for further study.

Moderator’s Declaration: Declared Motion Carries

ARTICLE 27 **Height Restriction and Screening for Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installations**

Enact a by-law for residential Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations that limits the height of the solar system to 8 ft. and require full screening (vegetation or fence) to be installed and maintained by the solar installation property owner for the life of the system. This would bring Ipswich bylaws into line with many other Massachusetts towns.

A MOTION was made by Ross York, for both ARTICLE 26 and ARTICLE 27, and duly seconded, to

Refer the MOTIONS to the Planning Board for further study.

Moderator’s Declaration: Declared Motion Carries

ARTICLE 28 **Harbormaster & Mooring Regulations Study Committee**

A MOTION was made by Gary Champion, and duly seconded, to

Postpone indefinitely Article 28 based on the April 6, 2015, Board of Selectmen meeting commitment to a comprehensive and public Harbormaster and Mooring Regulations review of legality and equity issues raised, extensive research made available, participation by authorities and interested citizens with conclusions and appropriate actions by August 2015.

Moderator’s Declaration: Declared Carried

ARTICLE 29 **Modify Definition of “INN”**

NO ACTION was taken on this Article as the petitioner did not appear to present his motion regarding his petition as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to: Amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich by Amending “III DEFINITIONS” as follows:

Modify definition of “INN” by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following: “A building or group of buildings containing no more than 15 guest rooms without individual cooking facilities for transient occupancy and let for compensation. A common dining facility where meals are served to overnight guests and others, and/or related retail and consumer services intended for serving the needs of guest room occupants and the public, including functions and meetings, may be provided for the common good.

NO ACTION was taken on the following:

Election of Officers & School Override

And you are also directed to notify said inhabitants, qualified to vote in the election of Town Officers, to meet at the YMCA Hall, County Road, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; when the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote on one ballot for the following offices and questions:

- (1) To choose the following officers, viz: a Moderator for one [1] year; one [1] member of the Board of Selectmen for three [3] years; one [1] member of the Board of Selectmen for one [1] year; two [2] members of the School Committee for three [3] years; one [1] member of the Housing Authority for one [1] year; one [1] member of the Housing Authority for five [5] years.
- (2) BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Town of Ipswich be allowed to assess an additional \$2,900,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015?

A MOTION to adjourn at 11:05 PM was duly seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Z. Carakatsane, CMMC/CMC
Town Clerk